

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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HERBAL MEDICINES
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to lack of proper gradation the marketing of herbs has faced difficulties in the international market;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether Indian Exporters had to pay penalty to the tune of 2.5 crores last year for failing to meet the agreed standard; and
- (d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken for proper gradation and standardisation of the Herbal medicines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS
SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU

- (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.
- (d) Pharmacopeial standards have been published for a number of Ayurvedic, Unani and Homoeopathic (Plant based) drugs. Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) is being notified for Ayurvedic, Unani and Siddha drugs.